

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-12, 14 and 17-19 are pending. Claims 3, 7, 13, 15-16 and 20-23 are cancelled in this Response.

All pending claims stand rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Machida (6,642,943).

Machida Is Not Prior Art For Claims 1-2, 8-12, 14 and 17-19.

The Rule 131 Declaration of inventor Keith Braunwalder accompanies this Response. Co-inventor Jeff Aguilera is no longer employed by Hewlett-Packard Company and, therefore, he is not available to help with the Declaration. The Invention Disclosure attached to Mr. Braunwalder's Declaration show that the subject matter recited in Claims 1-2, 8-12, 14 and 17-19 was conceived and actually reduced to practice before the date Machida was filed in the United States. Miyamoto should, therefore, be withdrawn as a prior art reference for Claims 1-2, 8-12, 14 and 17-19.

1. Mapping The Claimed Subject Matter To The Invention Disclosure.

Claim 1 as amended recites a user interface that includes a simultaneous display of first selectable icons each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable icon that when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable icons. Claim 14 as amended recites a method for displaying a user interface that includes serving a user interface for display as a menu page having a simultaneous display of a plurality of first selectable menu items each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable menu item that, when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable menu items.

Fig. 1 in the Invention Disclosure attached as Exhibit 1 to the Braunwalder Declaration, which is nearly identical to Fig. 3 in the patent Application, illustrates one embodiment of the user interface of Claims 1 and 14. Features recited in the dependent claims (Claims 2, 8-12 and 17-19) are also shown or described in the Invention Disclosure.

2. Actual Reduction to Practice.

The Invention Disclosure attached as Exhibit 1 to the Braunwalder Declaration, which describes the subject matter recited in Claims 1-2, 8-12, 14 and 17-19, was signed by the inventors on March 6, 2000. Fig. 1 of the Invention Disclosure illustrates a reduction to practice. In addition, the Invention Disclosure states on page 1 that as of February 5, 1999 the invention described therein had already been built.

Machida Does Not Anticipate the Amended Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a ***simultaneous*** display of first selectable icons each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable icon that when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable icons. In Machida, by contrast, the first icons representing plural duplicators (e.g., 302d, e, n and o in Fig. 5) and the selectable icon that actuates the duplicators selected from the first icons (i.e., 415 in Fig. 7) are not displayed simultaneously. Rather, selecting the first icons from the display of Fig. 5 prompts the display of the second icon in the display of Fig. 7.

In addition, Machida teaches away from the simultaneous display of Claim 1. In Machida, plural first icons are selected by dragging one icon over another icon in the display of Fig. 5. The drag-and-drop plural selection in the display of Fig. 5 prompts the display of Fig. 7, which does not include any of the selectable icons from the display of Fig 5. In fact, there is no indication of the plural selection at all in the display of Fig. 7 -- only one duplicator is indicated in the display of Fig. 7 to allow the user to "unconsciously" use two devices as one device.

"Therefore, a screen as in FIG. 7 is displayed such that the user of the data processing apparatus can operate these two peripheral devices as if one device, thereby causing the user to be able to unconsciously use the two peripheral devices as one device. It should be noted that, when the combination of the devices designated by a drag-and-drop operation is changed, the displayed setting screen of FIG. 7 is also changed."
(Machida, column 10, line 65 through column 11, line 5)

There is nothing unconscious about the user of the simultaneous display of Claim 1. Claim 1 as amended, therefore, is felt to distinguish patentably over Machida.

Claims 2, 4-6 and 8-12 are also felt to distinguish patentably over Machida due to their dependence on Claim 1.

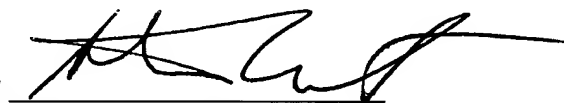
Claim 14 has been amended to recite a method for displaying a user interface that includes serving a user interface for display as a menu page having a simultaneous display of a plurality of first selectable menu items each representing a different duplicator and a second selectable menu item that, when selected actuates the duplicator(s) represented by a selection of one or more of the first selectable menu items. For the same reasons noted above for Claim 1, Claim 14 distinguishes patentably over Machida. Claims 14 and 17-19 are also felt to distinguish patentably over Machida due to their dependence on Claim 12.

The case is now felt to be in condition for allowance. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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